

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 2 on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/041,783, entitled, "SYSTEM AND METHOD TO MANAGE INCONSISTENCY PROBLEMS BETWEEN NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND NETWORK ELEMENTS", ~~attorney docket number 23397.02100~~, filed October 18, 2001, the disclosure of which ~~are~~ is herein incorporated by reference.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

Step 1: Data Translation In NCP

In one embodiment, the NMS server 102 initiates a translation script in NCP using "rsh" UNIX command, which will translate a circuit related persistence table from binary to ASCII format. Persistence tables basically are binary files where data for all different types of objects get ~~store~~ stored in the NCP 104. When users make any changes through a line operator interface (LOI) or NMS for a certain type of object, its persistence table will get updated as well. Thus, the persistence table is the place that the NMS server 102 is interested for object synchronization. Moreover, this step cannot be done in the NMS server 102 because it requires some support from NCP utilities.